

COUNTY ACT A SUCCESS

CHORUS OF DISSENT FROM THE GOVERNOR

ANALYSIS OF THE FIGURES AND CONSIDERATION OF THE YEAR'S RECORD SHOWS THAT THE COUNTIES HAVE BEEN EFFICIENT, ECONOMICAL AND HIGHLY SATISFACTORY—THE TERRITORIAL MACHINERY IS THE EXPENSIVE INCUBUS.

The statements recently advanced by the people who opposed the county act to the effect that the burdens of the tax payers of the Territory are vastly increased by the County Act and that they are not getting any compensating advantage from it, is not supported by any of the officials and others who have been following the career of the County Government since its birth.

County Attorney Douthett had the following to say: "There is no increased burden of taxation placed upon the taxpayers of the Territory by reason of the County Act. The rate of taxation is exactly the same as it was before the County was formed. The statement to the contrary is incorrect."

"And also the statement that there has been no compensation for the extra \$250,000 expended for expenses is incorrect. Look at our roads and public improvements. A glance at the statistics kept by the road overseer will show one where improvements have been made. And it is not only in this county but in the others."

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"The reason for the increased expense of government since the inauguration of the county act is found in the Territorial offices. There is much of the old machinery that has never been cleared away. Take for instance the office of the Superintendent of Public Works. He has very little to do any longer. He used to have care of the roads and public improvements. But now the Boards of Supervisors do all of that work. And yet that office and its force are all maintained. There is a needless expense."

"And look at the advantage. If a man has a complaint to make now he goes to the Board of Supervisors and makes his objection and it is attended to. Under the old form he had to write to the Superintendent of Public Works and wait until a deal of red tape was gone through with."

"All we got is 50 per cent of the taxes. Then we go ahead and run on that. There is no increased taxation and pec-

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KELLOGG IN PALOLO CASE

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL ASKS THE SUPREME COURT TO HAVE HIS TESTIMONY TAKEN.

Attorney General Peters this afternoon filed a motion in the Supreme court to take the testimony of Engineer H. C. Kellogg the Nuanu dam expert who has just left here, in the matter of the Palolo Land and Improvement Company case, involving Palolo Valley water rights. This is the case in which certain residents of the valley protested against a proposed dam to be constructed by A. F. Cooke, and the case, after being heard before Mrs. Nakulua, water commissioner, went to the Supreme Court.

While he was here Kellogg was secured by Peters as an expert to visit the valley and investigate the sources of the water supply. As a result, it is now desired to take his testimony. The petition filed is for a commission to take his testimony in Santa Ana, California, and it is based on affidavits by Peters and Deputy Attorney General Milverton and Land Commissioner J. W. Pratt.

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ALAMEDA ARRIVED ON TIME TODAY

VESSEL HAD PLEASANT TRIP FROM FRISCO—BROUGHT FAIR SIZED CROWD OF PASSENGERS.

The S. S. Alameda arrived this morning from San Francisco after an uneventful passage. She brought a fair sized crowd of passengers and had about 1000 tons of freight, including cold storage goods. The vessel left San Francisco July 21, so brought only one day's later mail from the mainland. She sighted the S. S. Argyle with the Pullerton in tow and the tug Dauntless with the Monterey in tow. The smoke of what was supposed to be the Sonoma was also sighted day before yesterday.

The cause of the Alameda stopping on her last up trip when the Siberia passed her was a mishap to a minor part of one of the pumps. The damage was repaired in a short time.

The native crew that was taken aboard here jumped the ship immediately following her arrival in San Francisco, but evidently they did not fare well after reaching San Francisco. Some of them were seen to return to the vessel and gaze with hungry eyes at the craft on the following day. None of them returned with the Alameda. The old union crew signed on the boat this trip.

L. Drewson, the second officer of the Alameda, is now chief officer, as Chief Officer Anderson had to remain behind to undergo an operation.

Mrs. W. P. S. Porter, wife of Captain Porter of the S. S. Mongolia, arrived for a visit to Honolulu.

Mrs. C. G. Bockus and child returned from a trip to the mainland. James Wakefield of the dry goods department of T. H. Davies & Company, returned from a trip to England. His wife and child returned with him.

The Alameda will sail for San Francisco next Wednesday at 10 a. m.

D. L. Conkling was admitted to practice as an attorney of the district courts this morning, by the Supreme Court.

RESUMED PRACTICE.

George D. Gear has opened law offices in the rooms formerly occupied by Justice Hatch on Kaa'umanu street. Telephone Main 214.

A SALE FOR LITTLE FOLKS.

The Sachs' Dry Goods Co. have an interesting event for "The Little Folks" in their "Liliputian Sale." Every article offered is marked down and bargain prices will prevail for Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week.

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RECEIVER FOR ZION

(Associated Press Cable to The Star.)

CHICAGO, July 27.—The district court has appointed J. C. Hatley receiver of Zion City affairs. The bankruptcy of J. Alexander Dowle the deposed prophet of Zion, has been annulled.

ASSASSINATIONS INCREASING

ST. PETERSBURG, July 27.—The revolutionary committee has decided not to declare a general strike for the present.

Premier Stolypin has instructed all of the governors throughout the Empire to arrest and expel all dangerous characters found within their jurisdiction. The instructions to the governors also direct them to exile all persons found in possession of revolutionary documents.

Six government spies have been found dead here. Political assassinations are increasing throughout Poland.

SUGAR REBATES

NEW YORK, July 27.—The federal grand jury has returned three indictments for rebating sugar shipped from the American refinery.

STRIKERS ACCEPT TERMS

WHEELING, W. Va., July 27.—Eight thousand striking miners have accepted the scale of wages agreed upon by the committee on settlement.

THE SULTAN'S VICTORY.

TANGIER, July 27.—The Pretender's force have been routed by the Sultan's troops, who paraded after the battle with the heads of slain victims on their bayonets.

IMPORTING MORE ORIENTAL CEMENT

H. HACKFELD & CO. RECEIVE A CONSIGNMENT OF 2500 BARRELS BY THE MANCHURIA.

A large consignment of cement arrived by the S. S. Manchuria yesterday. The consignment came to H. Hackfeld & Company. The cement was ordered from Hongkong. The consignment consisted of 2500 barrels.

The shortage of cement in the islands was the cause of the shipment. There has been a shortage here for months. Several steamers ago Hackfeld & Company received a special shipment of cement and by the Manchuria another shipment arrived. The vessel carried no shipment of cement for San Francisco, however, although there is a big demand for cement in the reconstruction of San Francisco.

GEOLOGISTS FROM JAPAN WAS HERE

VISITED THE PALI YESTERDAY—IS GOING TO MEXICO TO ATTEND THE GEOLOGICAL CONGRESS.

Among the passengers on the S. S. Manchuria is Dr. Tsunenaka Iki of the Imperial Geological Survey of Japan. He is en route to the City of Mexico to attend the international geological congress which will convene in the Mexican capital on August 29.

Dr. Iki states that a very important geological survey of the Japanese islands has just been completed. Matters of much interest to that science are to be considered at the congress. Dr. Iki will pass about seven days in San Francisco and vicinity studying the action of the recent earthquake. He is greatly interested in that occurrence and considers that it will enable him to gain much interesting data regarding his line of duty.

After the close of the geological congress he will visit some American cities, returning to Japan by way of Europe.

During his brief visit to Honolulu Dr. Iki devoted some time to sightseeing during which he took the occasion to make some observations of the

WANTS TO MARRY A PORTO RICAN VAG

WHITE MAN WHO APPEARS TO BE MADLY INFATUATED WITH DISSOLUTE WOMAN.

A romance in low life,—if the reckless infatuation of a man for an abandoned creature of the slums can be so dignified,—came to the notice of the police this afternoon.

The authorities have been busy breaking up the gang of Porto Rican pimps and thieves. In order to accomplish this result they have placed a number of the dissolute women of that race under arrest. Among the women arrested was one by name of Juana Petrona. She can best be described as a creature. She has more the appearance of a monstrosity. A white man named V. K. Rasmussen appeared at the office of the sheriff this afternoon and wanted to stop the prosecution of the woman. Rasmussen declared his intention to marry the woman and left the police station vowing he would make her his wife. It appears he had bailed her out of jail. He is No. 5 on her list, of which the police have any record, and nobody knows how many more before the police started to keep any record of her lovers.

The woman will be arraigned in the police court tomorrow morning on a charge of vagrancy. Rasmussen declared he would marry her in court, so unless the ceremony is not performed before that time, the visitors to Judge Whitney's court room may have the novel spectacle of a marriage to witness.

GOVERNOR PAID OFFICIAL CALL.

Governor George R. Carter paid an official call on Captain Very the new commandant of the naval station. The Governor was saluted with 17 guns upon his departure from the naval station shortly after noon today. Captain Humphrey the local depot quartermaster and two officers from Camp McKinley also paid their respects to the new commandant.

MANCHURIA DEPARTED TODAY.

The S. S. Manchuria departed at 10 o'clock this morning for San Francisco with a large crowd of passengers from Honolulu. She is due in San Francisco next Wednesday.

geological formation of this island. He went to the Pali yesterday.

EXCURSIONS NEEDED FOR SETTLERS

TRANSPORTATION DIFFICULTY A VITAL ONE IN TRYING TO SECURE AMERICAN FARMERS TO SETTLE LANDS IN THE ISLANDS SAYS LAND COMMISSIONER J. W. PRATT—LANDS OF ALL KINDS READY FOR APPLICANTS.

"It seems that the transportation difficulty is the great obstacle in the way of our getting American farmers to come here and settle our lands," said Land Commissioner Pratt this morning, in discussion of the inquiries received here from the mainland and the answers sent to inquirers. "From any part of the middle west, a prospective settler can take a train, at small cost, and in a few hours, or at most a day or two, can get to the land he wants to see. But it is a very different matter to take a train to San Francisco and then take a steamer for Honolulu. Moreover, the railroads of the mainland make special rates for persons who are preparing to settle on lands. It might help us if special rates could be similarly given by the steamship companies as well as the railroads. Perhaps excursions might be arranged."

"There are not so many American farmers seeking lands now anyhow. A large number have gone to Canada. But we still get inquiries and some of the land seekers come here in spite of the transportation difficulty. Those who make inquiry are furnished with the complete possible information as to what we have to offer, together with answers to the specific questions they ask."

"We have lands of all kinds to offer at most any time. There are leases expiring right along and we have lands under lease with provisions in the lease

that we can take over the lands for settlement. There are also leaseholders who are willing to relinquish their holding of tracts in favor of settlers. It is therefore true that we have lands of almost any kind wanted, ready to offer to bona fide settlers. There are surveying parties out now on various islands preparing maps for openings."

The discussion of the land question here is more and more occupying the attention of the administration. Both Governor Carter and Secretary Atkinson have given the question a lot of their attention and there is considerable correspondence on the subject with President Roosevelt and other Washington men. In the meantime, as a result of press dispatches about the islands and the advertising done by the Promotion committee, numerous letters of inquiry come to Secretary Atkinson and Commissioner Pratt, but few people venture on the long trip to make a personal investigation.

One plan that has been discussed is that of advertising a general opening of a large number of lots. It is thought that such a scheme would attract the attention of a large number of the thousands of American small farmers who are always seeking new fields. With a large number coming at once, lower rates would naturally follow. It is argued, and thus Hawaii might secure a great increase in her productive population.

NATURALIZATION IS MADE VERY HARD

THE ACT OF THE LAST CONGRESS HAS A VERY IMPORTANT EFFECT IN HAWAII—NO MORE NATURALIZATIONS FOR THE COMING ELECTION AFTER THE TWENTY-NINTH OF SEPTEMBER—NEW CONDITIONS AFTER THAT.

Persons who want to become citizens in time to vote in the approaching election will have to hurry up and do it before the new law regarding naturalizations goes into effect, for after September 29, when it becomes effective, there can be no more naturalizations here before election. Copies of the new law were received in yesterday's mail, and they show some entirely new propositions with regard to acquisition of citizenship.

The new act of congress relative to naturalization contains many features of interest to the people of Hawaii.

Probably, in proportion to its population, this Territory has had more to do with naturalization than any State or other Territory. Hence the new law will be perused quite closely by persons contemplating becoming citizens. A reading of the law would lead the average layman to believe that the lawyers' trust was back of the bill. The application for the honors of American citizenship cannot possibly get along without the assistance of some one learned in the law.

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